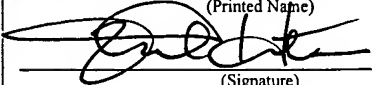




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Dear Examiner Smith:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 3, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The three-month statutory period for reply is set to expire on August 3, 2006. Applicant points out that this response is being filed within two months of the mailing of the Final Office Action, and is therefore filed within the advisory period. Applicant believes that this response is timely filed.

Applicant does not believe any fees are due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely

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Please amend the application as follows: